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(37 CFR 1.63)**

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Application Number	10/595,982
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Art Unit	3611
Examiner Name	Unknown

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Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

PIVOTING HITCH ASSEMBLY

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

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Application Number **PCT/CA2004/002102** and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) **May 23, 2006** (if applicable).

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ADDITIONAL INVENTOR(S)
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declare that the failure to list me as an inventor on PCT/CA2004/002102 filed on December 6, 2004 and entitled **PIVOTING HITCH ASSEMBLY**, occurred without any deceptive intention on my part.

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I GREGORY EAST. whose full post office address is
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